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Dear Mr. ~~McCormack:~~

Reference is made to Mr. Brooks Hays' letter to you of September 7, 1961 regarding the Sabena Belgian World Airlines crash at Brussels on February 15, 1961. Mr. Hays promised to furnish you with information as to the probable cause of this accident when it became available.

The Department recently received a report from our Embassy in Brussels to the following effect:

Belgian Aeronautic Administration officials state that technical tests are still being conducted in Belgium, and elsewhere, of components of the aircraft concerned. No positive information has been revealed by tests conducted to date. A final report on the accident will not be issued until all test possibilities have been exhausted. Our Embassy was unable to obtain any estimate as to when the investigation will be completed.

We will, of course, be pleased to advise you when further information is available from the Belgian authorities.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick G. Dutton
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
John W. McCormack,
House of Representatives.

The Speaker

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